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SUBJECT: UNGA DEBATE ON STATUS OF PUERTO RICO

REF: SAN JOSE 3213

1. THUS FAR MAJOR ACTION IN UN ON STATUS PUERTO RICO
CONFINED TO COMMITTEE OF 24 OF WHICH COSTA RICA NOT A
MEMBER. HOWEVER CUBAN DELEGATE MAY RAISE PUERTO RICAN
STATUS ISSUE IN OTHER COMMITTEES DURING UNGA SESSION
(USUALLY PLENARY COMMITTEES 3 AND 4). US USUALLY IN-
TERRUPTS ON POINT OF ORDER, CITING 1953 UNGA DECISION
THAT PUERTO RICO HAD EXERCISED SELF-DETERMINATION AND
HAD ACHIEVED SELF-GOVERNING STATUS, THUS REMOVING IT
FROM LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES. US HAS
STRESSED THAT IN LIGHT OF UNGA DECISION IT THEREFORE
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INAPPROPRIATE TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DEBATES RE PUERTO RICAN

STATUS.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR COSTA RICAN SUPPORT AND COOPERATION RE PUERTO RICO AND HOPE THAT THIS WILL EXTEND TO SUPPORT OF US EFFORTS TO PREVENT SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE. IN PARTICULAR, COSTA RICA COULD PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT BY CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES TO EXPLAIN PUERTO RICO'S STATUS

AND PREVIOUS UNGA DECISIONS RECOGNIZING PUERTO RICO AS SELF-GOVERNING. (THIS COULD BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE WITH VENEZUELA, AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE OF 24, WHOSE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY SUPPORTS US POSITION BUT WHOSE UN MISSION INFORMALLY COOPERATES WITH CUBANS.)
FYI: GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ-COLON AND USUN IN TOTAL AGREEMENT THAT SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE INAPPROPRIATE. SENDING AIR POUCH AMB SCHAUFEL'S LETTER (JUNE 28) TO COMMITTEE OF 24 AND BACKGROUND BRIEFING PAPER. KISSINGER

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